Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 18 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 17 Oct 2021 at 11:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions and poor visibility over the coming days. High also for a colder spell to develop from Thursday. There is some uncertainty in the details for Wednesday.

Headline for Monday 18 Oct 2021: Scope for some morning brightness, otherwise foggy with afternoon rain. Windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 18 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	MIST					FOG
Fog	Fog	Mist	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Fog
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	20%	10%	60%	50%	50%	40%

Forecast for Monday 18 Oct 2021

Weather: Poor visibility will be a large feature of the day with any breaks likely confined to the West Coast (excluding Skye) through morning. Rain will spread northeastwards from late morning to give all ranges a few hours of wet weather, but as this clears away north through evening it will leave extensively foggy and drizzly conditions. Some cloud breaks developing towards midnight, however.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% across the West Coast, roughly Torridon northwards through morning. Otherwise virtually no chance.

Visibility: Widely limited to a few hundred meters above the cloud base which will sit at around 500-700m, through much of the day. Best conditions along the West Coast. Rain and drizzle will turn lower slopes and glens rather hazy.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	20/26 SE	25/30 SE	25/30 SE	28/35 SE	26/33 SE	30/38 SE	34/44 S	33/45 SW	26/35 SW
900	19/25 SE	22/27 SE	22/28 SE	25/32 SE	23/29 SE	26/35 SE	31/41 S	32/43 SW	25/34 SW
600	15/20 SE	14/19 SE	15/21 SE	17/23 SE	16/23 SE	19/27 SE	23/33 S	24/36 SW	18/28 SW
300	6/15 E	3/14 E	4/16 E	3/18 SE	3/16 SE	4/24 SE	8/30 S	10/34 SW	6/26 SW
Glen	8/13 E	8/15 E	10/17 E	9/18 E	9/18 SE	13/29 SE	14/30 S	11/25 SW	12/26 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	7/3	8/3	8/4	8/3	8/4
900	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/2	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/4	9/4
600	9/6	8/5	8/5	9/6	10/8	10/7	11/7	10/7	11/7
300	8/7	9/8	9/8	10/9	11/11	12/12	12/11	12/10	12/11
Glen	12/10	12/11	12/10	13/12	15/13	15/13	15/12	14/12	14/12
Freezing Level*	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2600m	3000m	2600m	2700m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong winds may approach gale force above munro level from late afternoon. This, along with rain and drizzle will give a significant cooling effect.

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021
Weather: An altogether brighter start compared to Monday with dry conditions and cloud generally higher and more broken. Unfortunately this will not last as outbreaks of heavy rain spread northeast through morning with a good chance of heavy and perhaps thundery showers into the afternoon and evening. Mild.

Maximum wind: South 20-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% falling 10%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above munro level initially but cloud will thicken and lower from the south through morning to around 500-600m, perhaps lower in places. Heavy rain will affect visibility in the glens, obscuring neighbouring slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Around plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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